

Amend Amendment No. 1 by Hartnett to **SB 1783** as follows:

(1) In added Subdivision (3), Subsection (c), Section 6.702, Family Code (committee printing page __, line __), between "course" and the period, insert "under Section 6.412".

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered item to the amendment and renumber subsequent items accordingly:

(_) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 6.412 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.412. CRISIS MARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSES. (a) A crisis marriage education course must include at least 10 hours, completed within a 48-hour period. The goal of the course, and the focus of each component of the course, is marriage restoration.

(b) A crisis marriage education course must, at a minimum, include instruction in:

- (1) conflict management;
- (2) communication skills;
- (3) forgiveness skills; and
- (4) key components of a successful marriage.

(c) A course under this section should be offered by instructors trained in a skills-based and research-based marriage curriculum. The following individuals and organizations may provide courses:

- (1) marriage educators;
- (2) clergy or their designees;
- (3) licensed mental health professionals;
- (4) faith-based organizations; and
- (5) community-based organizations.

(d) The curricula of a crisis marriage education course must meet the requirements of this section and provide the skills-based and research-based curricula published by the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center administered by the Administration for Children and Families of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or other similar resources, including the Coalition for Marriage, Family, and Couples Education.

(e) The Health and Human Services Commission shall maintain

an Internet website on which individuals and organizations described by Subsection (c) may electronically register with the commission to indicate the skills-based and research-based curriculum in which the registrant is trained. The Health and Human Services Commission shall develop guidelines to determine which individuals and organizations may register with the commission's Internet website.

(f) A person who provides a marriage education course shall provide a signed and dated completion certificate to each couple that completes the course. The certificate must include the name of the course, the name of the course provider, and the completion date.